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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the rejection dated April 13, 2004, of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 1-19. This is the third rejection of this application, this application having previously been rejected on July 9, 2003 and October 21, 2003. This application has also previously been appealed on January 21, 2004, and an appeal brief submitted on February 24, 2004, which resulted in withdrawal of the final rejection from which the previous appeal was taken. This appeal is thus timely, 37 C. F. R.

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The \$330.00 fee for this appeal was submitted with the notice of appeal submitted January 21, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to Applicants' undersigned counsel's file 3030-67663. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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